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The reply filed on October 20, 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Despite applicants' response, the bases for the weight percents of claims 9, 21, and 22, as rejected within paragraph 6 of the Office action, have not been specified. Furthermore, the rejection of "the composition" within claim 28, set forth within paragraph 12 of the Office action, has not been addressed. The rejection of claims 12 and 13 within paragraph 13 of the Office action has not been addressed. Within the response to the prior art rejection of paragraphs 18-20, applicants have provided arguments that are drawn to the Friedman reference, rather than the relied upon Falkenstein et al. reference. Lastly, applicants have stated that a certified translation of the foreign application has been provided; however, it has not been received by the Office. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Furthermore, the following matters have been noted within applicants' response of October 20, 2000. If not replied to in response to this letter, these matters will be formally addressed in the next Office action. "Filled" has been spelled incorrectly within claims 2-6. The amendments, dealing with the "components", to pages 1 and 2 of the specification have not been entered, because the location of the language does not correspond to the recited line numbers. Within claims 2, 5, and 19, the prepolymer and polyol are the reaction products of the recited compounds; it is improper to state that they are selected from the compounds. It is unclear how claim 2 is to be interpreted or how it further limits claim 1, since claim 1 specifies that the prepolymer is prepared from polyisocyanates and castor oil. Within claim 8, the value of the viscosity has been omitted. The first four lines of claim 1 are unclear, and, within the fourth line, "prepolymer component" lacks antecedence. Within the last line of claim 3, "and" should be "or". Within claims 2-16 and 18-26, applicants' claiming of the pressure can and the prepolymer composition is confusing. Within claims 17 and 28, applicants have referred to the prepolymer composition of claims 1 or 15; however, claims 1 and 15 are drawn to the pressure filled can and prepolymer; the claims should be clarified. Lastly, applicants' argument with respect to the identification of the molecular weights of the components is insufficient.

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